

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A method for trimming lidding web from a tray web, wherein the tray web includes a recess allowing clearance for a trimming device.

19-28. (Canceled)

29. (New) The method according to Claim 18, wherein the tray web is adjacent to a second tray web having a recess that is in proximity to the first tray web recess.

30. (New) The method according to Claim 29, wherein trimming the lidding web between the first and the second tray web does not result in scrap lidding web material.

31. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein the first and second tray webs can be bunched against one another by operating conveyors at varying speeds.

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